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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV NOTIFICATION OF DECISION TO BREAK
RELATIONS WITH CHILE

1. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR GRANFIL INFORMED DEPARTMENT
SEPTEMBER 27 GOY HAD TAKEN DECISION TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH
CHILE. GOY DECISION WAS CONVEYED TO UNDER SECRETARY PORTER
BY GRANFIL IN MEETING ARRANGED ON SHORT NOTICE AT GRANFIL'S
REQUEST.

2. GRANFIL SAID DECISION TO BREAK RELATIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN
IN BELGRADE ON MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 27. HE HAD BEEN
INSTRUCTED BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO INFORM USG OF DECISION AND
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EXPLAIN RATIONALE THEREFOR. GRANFIL LISTED FOLLOWING AS

PRINCIPAL REASONS UNDERLYING GOY DECISION: (A) "RECKLESS AND INHUMAN" ACTS OF JUNTA WHICH HAD GENERATED PROFOUND FEELING OF CONDEMNATION WITHIN GOY AND AMONG YUGOSLAV PEOPLES; (B) GOY'S CONCERN OVER CONTINUED ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST "PROGRESSIVE PEOPLE" IN CHILE; (C) JUNTA'S CONTINUED RELIANCE ON COERCION AND TERROR AGAINST PROGRESSIVE ELEMENTS TO MAINTAIN ITSELF IN POWER; (D) INABILITY OF CERTAIN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN CHILE TO FUNCTION NORMALLY.

GRANFIL INDICATED YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR IN CHILE HAD BEEN "MALTREATED" BUT THAT THIS WAS NOT CHIEF REASON FOR RUPTURE OF RELATIONS. YUGOSLAVIA, FAITHFUL TO PRINCIPLES

OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY, HAD CONDEMNED TERRORIST ACTS OF JUNTA FROM DAY IT SEIZED POWER. THEREFORE, SAID GRANFIL, GOY BELIEVES IT HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO SEVER RELATIONS.

3. UNDER SECRETARY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION THAT GOY HAD ACTED TO INFORM USG OF ITS DECISION. OTHER STATES, UNDER SECRETARY OBSERVED, ARE ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR VIEWS OF SITUATION IN CHILE. GOY'S COURSE IS NOT THE SAME AS OURS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE PRESS REPORTS ON EVENTS IN CHILE ARE ENTIRELY CORRECT. WE ALSO SENSE THAT NEW GOVERNMENT IN CHILE IS AWARE OF PUBLIC OPINION AND IS ATTEMPTING TO CREATE CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR PEACEFUL LIFE FOR ITS CITIZENS. USG ASSESSED SITUATION IN CHILE WITH CONSIDERABLE CARE BEFORE ANNOUNCING ITS POSITION REGARDING NEW GOVERNMENT.

4. COMMENT: GRANFIL AVOIDED ANY IMPLICATION THAT US WAS INVOLVED IN CHANGE OF GOVERNMENTS IN CHILE. FACT THAT YUGOSLAVS CONSIDERED IT IMPORTANT TO INFORM USG OF THIS DECISION INDICATES THEY WISH TO LIMIT ITS NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. KISSINGER

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